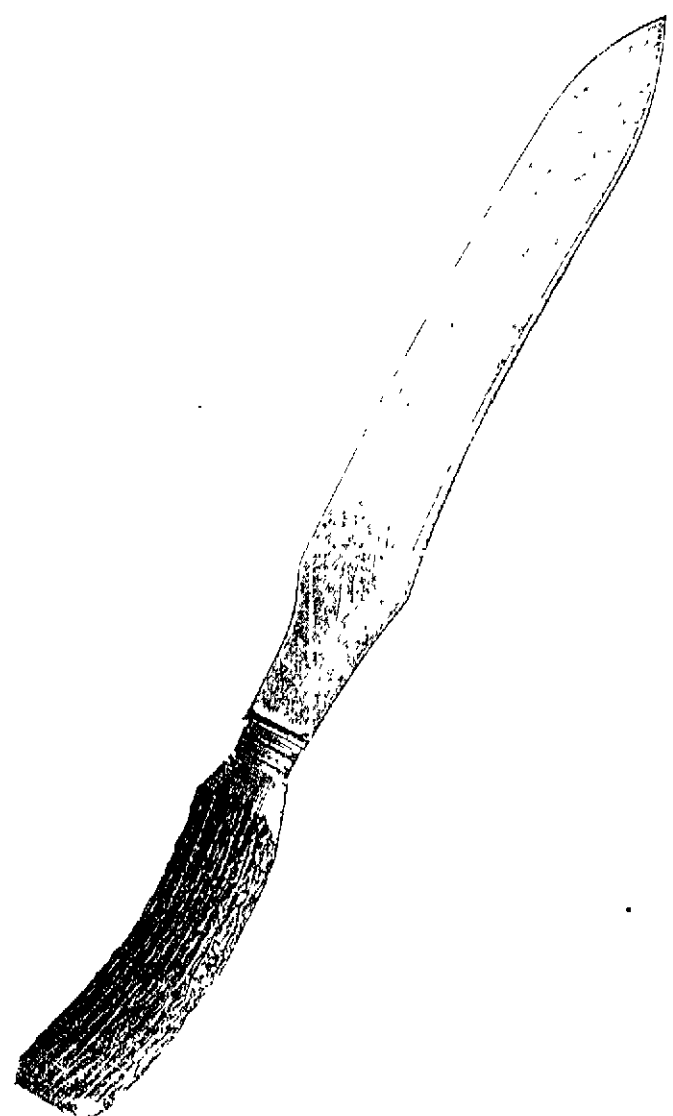


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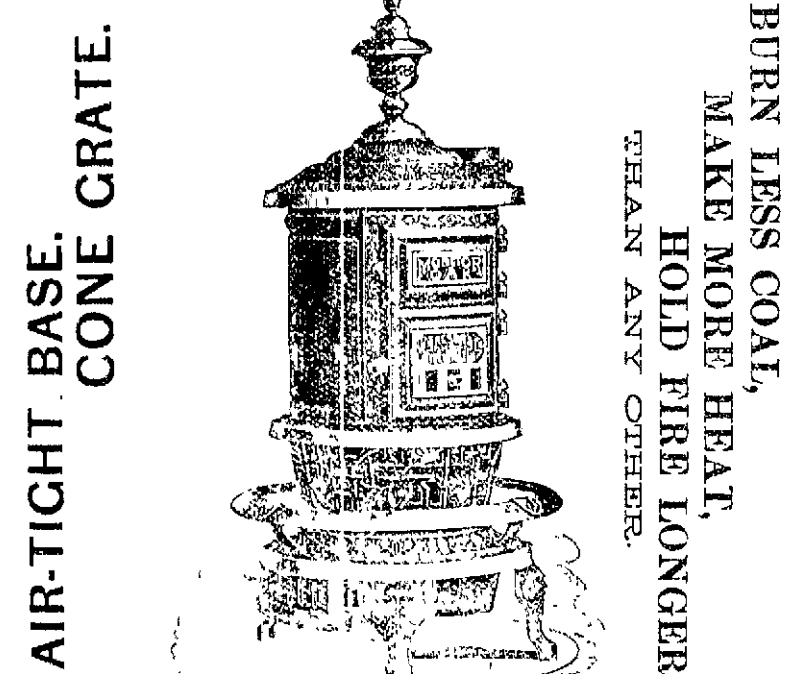
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144 East Main Street.
TELEPHONE 36.

WEDNESDAY EVE., DEC. 8, 1898.

LOCAL NEWS.

FOR PARENTS look through the mammoth assortment at
E. D. BARTHOLOMEW & Co.'s.

H. V. EHRMAN & Co. can suit you in an elegant Seal Skin Cap. deo-dit

BROWN & HUTTON for felt boots.

MURDOCK, with Downings, weighs 210 pounds, just five less than the young tragedian.

V. H. PARKS, Feed all kinds cheap.

The jolly comedy, "A Soap Bubble," will hold the boards Monday night. Do not fail to go.

PURSE preserves, good coffees and teas at **Peter Ullrich's** grocery store.

You will find **Shellsberger's** White Lard flour No. 1.

The nicest present for a gentleman is a Seal Skin Cap. See them at deo-dit

H. F. EHRMAN & Co.'s.

TELEPHONE to A. J. Smith & Son, 733 North Water street, for choice groceries and Niskey butter.

About 80 members of the Methodist church attended the outdoor prayer meeting held last night at the residence of W. J. Condit. It was conducted by Henry Lunn.

Dinner at **Edman Bros'** handy market on Merchant street and get fresh meats and game in season.

Buy an easy chair for Christmas. Get it at **De-tman & Meyer's** establishment.

Feed at **Geo. W. Ehrhart's** coal yard. deo-dit

GARDNER Pennsylvania buckwheat flour and pure maple syrup at **Lehman & Bolen's** grocery store, 160 Merchant St.

The Bible readings by **J. W. Dean** at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association are rich and beautiful. All Bible students should attend the meeting to-night. All young men are invited to attend.

SPECIAL inducements in **Pianos** and **Organs** to purchasers during December and January, 1897—O. B. Prescott.

The old reliable firm of **Abbott & Locke** show a large lot of carpets and home novelties, suitable for holiday remembrance.

C. W. McCOY, who served as a U. S. deputy marshal during the Wabash strike 18 months ago, was arrested at Indianapolis yesterday for the murder of G. G. Powers, telegraph operator at Marshall, last September.

A new elegant Short Wraps, suitable for young ladies, that we will sell very cheap. **LINN & SCRUGGS.**

SAP D. H. HELLMAN & Son on Merchant street for a full line of choice preserves, bulk oysters, California fruits and family groceries.

The **Herald** of this morning says that the Carleton opera company played in Lafayette for 75 cents. The company has not played in that city this season, and is not booked there.

Stop at **Hanks & Patterson's** grocery store and order dressed poultry and fruits.

METALLIC Weather Strips for windows and doors, the best and cheapest in the market, at **de-wit**

Order family groceries from **Niedermeier's** store, on the Mount.

No more looking any further—stop at **Armstrong's** drug store. There you will find an endless assortment of decorative and useful plush goods, pretty gifts for a lady or gentleman.

At all leading grocery stores **Hatfield & Co.'s** White Foam flour is on sale. Try it.

Feed at **Geo. W. Ehrhart's** coal yard. deo-dit

Stop at **J. Lytle & Co.'s** family store in opera block, and select table supplies. Fresh bread and cakes a specialty.

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Look at those superior Iron Fellow farm wagons and road carts on sale at **D. F. Hunscher's** shop, on Wood street. Low figures.

BUSHER & HUTCHIN repair shoes cheap.

By acquiring a thorough knowledge of Book Keeping, you have something that will always prove your friend in time of need. Many are taking advantage of the **HART** Rates at the **Business College** Night School.

V. H. PARKS, Corn, Oats, Hay, Straw.

V. H. PARKS, Hard and Soft Coal delivered.

For the Genuine Sugar Loaf Lehigh Hard Coal, call on **Caldwell**, the live coal and wood dealer. nov-27-dit

BUSHER & HUTCHIN for warm-lined shoes.

Cold weather is here, and so are these elegant Seal Skin Caps, at **H. F. Ehrman & Co.'s**. deo-dit

Nothing makes a finer Christmas present than one of those superb **Haines Bros. Pianos**. A variety of styles to select from at **Prescott's**.

Mrs. K. ELSTEIN wishes to call the attention of the ladies of Decatur to her elegant line of Millinery Goods, received direct from New York, consisting of hats, bonnets, feathers, fancy feathers, and trimming goods. By buying these goods in the eastern market she is enabled to sell 25 per cent. cheaper than any other house in Decatur. Remember the place, 110 North Water street, two doors north of Millikin's Bank. nov-27-dit

Buy underwear at a sacrifice at **Chap** Chapley's.

Great bargains in Ladies' Muslin Underwear, at **Lin & Scruggs**. deo

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Recent Sales.

Randolph & Gher have lately closed the following transfers of real estate:

Albert C. Smith has sold two vacant lots on East Condit street to **Fred Wilson** for \$825.

John M. Dawson has bought a house and lot on North Clayton street of **Nancy Bowman**, for which he paid \$750.

George W. Wonders sold to **Harriett Dunoon** a house and lot on East Harrison street for \$700.

The Railway Men's free reading room, at No. 2 hose house, is flourishing under the management of **Rev. W. T. Shepler**. It is a pleasant resort for the railway employees when off duty, a place where they can engage in social chat and indulge in the fascinating games of checkers, parlor billiards, cards, etc. Scientific periodicals, the daily papers and magazines are on file and kept in good trim.

Tim nibbler is the man who enters a store, runs his fingers into every sugar barrel, then goes to the cheese and cuts off a slice, then as a matter of course must have a few crackers, and perhaps before he makes up his mind to purchase a quarter's worth he has eaten up the profits on more than twice that amount. Stuffed clubs in the hands of a healthy person is a splendid eradicator of these nuisances.

New Feed Store.

Geo. W. Ehrhart has started, in connection with his coal yard, a feed store. All orders for coal or feed promptly filled. Telephone No. 139. deo-dit

Election of Post and Lodge Officers.

At the annual meeting of **Dunham Post**, No. 141 G. A. R., held last night the following officers were elected: Commander, **John A. Barnes**; S. V. C., **A. C. Stevens**; J. V. C., **J. Ostroff**; Q. M., **H. O. Fisk**; Surgeon, **Dr. L. N. Bauer**; Chaplain, **Rev. J. D. Kott**; O. D., **L. Barnard**; O. G. W. H., **Calvin**; Trustee for three years, **George R. Steele**.

Delegates to Illinois Encomium at Rock Island, to be held in February—**John Grass**, **Peter Perl**, **K. Harwood** and **J. S. Carter**. Also, **R. J. Roberts**, **A. C. Stevens**, **H. Mahanna** and **O. M. Imboden**. Past Commanders **Lyle**, **Steele**, **Durfee**, **Blythe**, **Bingham** and **Fisk** and Commander **Barnes** are also entitled to vote at the Encomium with voting and other privileges.

Members of the Woman's Relief Corps, No. 4, met during yesterday afternoon and elected officers as follows: President, **Mrs. Selma J. Steele**; S. V. P., **Mrs. Annie**; J. V. P., **Mrs. Mary**; R. V. P., **Mrs. Annie**; Recording Secretary, **Mrs. Marilla**; Guard, **Mrs. Susan**; Treasurer, **Mrs. Isadora** Winkler.

At the annual meeting of **Macon Chapter**, No. 21, **Royal Arch** Masons, last night, officers were elected as follows: H. P., **H. Croshaw**; E. K., **W. H. Starr**; E. S., **W. H. Starr**; George W. Bright; Sec'y, **J. C. Hosteller**; O. H., **C. L. Hovey**; P. S., **A. M. Warner**; R. A. C., **Enos** Kepler; G. M. P. V., **T. W. Puckerton**; G. M. P., **B. D. May**; G. M. P. V., **George** L. Brown; Chaplain, **M. M. E. Steward**; J. N. Baker; Tyler, **Robert** Green.

Officers St. Patrick's Branch No. 464, Catholic Knights of America, have been elected as follows: P. J. Mackin, spiritual director; James Collins, president; John Finn, vice-president; J. V. Malone, recording secretary; H. J. Heiser, financial secretary; L. F. Skelly, treasurer; Dennis Moriarty, sergeant at arms; John Donohue, sentinal; A. Russell, chaplain for three years; H. H. Bussing, trustee for two years; John Moriarty, trustee for one year.

Two ladies of the Episcopal church are arranging to give a parlor dramatic entertainment and open a fancy work bazaar at the residence of **Mr. Chas. P. Thatcher**, one evening next week. The date will be announced in a few days.

BUSHER & HUTCHIN for Ladies' fine Shoes. nov-24-dit

GO! GO! GO!

To the Presbyterian Fair, Where you'll find aprons of every hue, And in styles from everywhere: Aprons pink as a rose, aprons blue as the sea, As white as Arctic snows, and brown as the bark of a tree: Aprons round and square, pointed, scalloped, and banded; Aprons of serge, and of linen so rare As water in the equator; Aprons which you'll find, looking so trim and neat, With pockets and collar, that don't cost a dollar, And reach from head to foot. So go, on Friday night, To the Presbyterian Fair, And fill your pockets before you go, But empty them while you are there.

Pianos and Organs.

I have in stock now the handsomest and best lot of **Pianos and Organs** ever presented in Decatur. Persons who wish anything in the line of **Pianos and Organs** can certainly select from my stock, be it piano, organ, violin, guitar, banjo, flute, accordion, music blower or book of any kind. Call and see them. deo-dit

California Excursion.

December 14th, January 11th, February 18th and March 12th, the Illinois Central Railroad will sell excursion tickets to San Francisco and Los Angeles, Cal., at \$75.00 for the round trip, tickets good going via New Orleans and the Southern Pacific, and returning by any of the direct lines. Tickets limited to six months from date of sale. **C. F. HILDEBRAND**, Dec. 8 Ticket Agent.

This firm of **Borgen & Skout** will move to the room formerly occupied by the **Herald**, on North Main street. 313

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PERSONAL MENTION.

Robt. Oglesby, Cyrus Randolph and Guy Parks took tea at the St. Nicholas last evening.

Miss Anna Smith, of Macon, has been at Paris on a visit. She will return home this week.

Postmaster Lytle, enroute to Lewiston, Idaho, sends us Sunday's issue of the St. Paul Pioneer Press.

Martin Pratt, of Lincoln, Nebraska, has been in the city several days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Pratt.

E. L. Shattuck was busy at the New Decatur branch of the railway reading room at South terrace for a barking contest to come off at the tab.

George M. Wood has received bad news from his aged father at Carrollton, Ill. He is in the 39th year of his age, and had a hard fall last week. Mr. Wood will visit his father this week.

Sam Bear, of Santa Fe, owns the champion cinnamon bear of the territory, but they are not related. But Sam is a brother of Jacob I. and John W. Bear and Mrs. H. W. Waggoner.

Hon. F. E. Bryant, of Bement, Hon. J. A. Rice, of Piqua, W. A. Baker, of Champaign, and F. H. Heiseman, of Bloomington, were in the city last evening.

Rev. W. T. Shepler, of the House of Prayer, and manager of the railway reading room at No. 2 hose house, paid us a short call this forenoon.

Rice's Evangeline Party.

The Evangeline company coming next Friday evening will be a surprise to those who remember the piece in its early days. A fine chorus has been added and beautiful Amazonian marches and other effects are produced. Of the original cast but two remain, James Moffet, the "Lone Fisherman," and E. S. Farr, the stage manager. Others who figured in the first production were Robson and Crane, now the foremost legitimate comedians, Dan Goodwin, Eliza Weathersby and Golden and Dixey. The last two named executed the better dances and minor roles. Dixey is now famous as the Adonis in the burlesque and is worth a half a million, and Dick Golden, who was starring with his wife in comic opera, rode out of Peoria last week by passing the baggage. Of the casts which made the most impression in Bloomington, Venice Clancy, the sweet Evangeline, is dead; Lizzie Webster, who was famous for her lovely form, has married and settled down to domestic life; Harry Hunter, the "Lone Fisherman," who succeeded Moffet is dead, and Geo. Fortesque, the gigantic, is with the present company. John Skelton, the Bloomington ornamental, who was with them two seasons, is now at Hooley's Theatre in Chicago. Rice, the proprietor of Evangeline, has made and lost two or three fortunes in the interim, and is now on the top wave of prosperity, owning a building on the Dixey-Adams block, of which he was the chief factor. W. W. Tiltonson, a prominent New York manager, is piloting the present tour.

Niantic News Notes.

Elder Richardson is in Buffalo.

Harvey Stevenson is in Platt county.

O. A. Farnam, a prominent tile maker of this place, is visiting relatives in Ohio.

Doc Rich has been in the new team. He will turn his attention to the poultry business.

Quite a number of the boys went to **Illinois** Saturday night and skated on rollers.

Robert Cannon, a prominent farmer of Harrison township, was in our burg shopping last Friday.

S. S. Hiltges, who has been making this place his home, left Thursday night with his family for the Hoosier state, where they will reside in the future.

Chas. Hittin, of Springfield, was in our city on business Monday.

Telephone poles which are used as hitching racks should be wrapped with wire, as we have seen in our burg.

A funny story is one of our hotels reads: "No Loufers A. W. L. here." The writer surely knew what he was doing, but we are at a loss as to its meaning.

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THE \$10,000 OIL PLANT.

A Visit to the Tank Line Works—Recent Improvements—Here to Stay.

In his rambles yesterday afternoon a REPUBLICAN commissioner visited the office and works of the Consolidated Tank Line Company, on Cerro Gordo street, where Manager Croshaw, who has been with the company for a period of 10 years, was found in charge. After a pleasant chat with the Manager in his cozy private office, the reporter made a tour of the extensive establishment and viewed the recent improvements that cost the company in the neighborhood of \$8,000. All of the old frame buildings have been torn down, giving place to an imposing warehouse and storage room constructed entirely of brick, size 50x100 feet, with a basement of the same size 9 feet high. There are no partitions on either floor, but there are several departments; one for lubricating and refined oils, coal oil, gasoline, turpentine, etc.—in fact every grade and quality of oils in use in the country. In one corner of the main floor room is the pumping machinery, connecting with the tanks at some distance from the building. The pumps and pipes are so adjusted that the barrels can be filled with any kind of oil desired. Some distance away is the cooage department where barrels are made over and tightened, and at the east side of the building is an arrangement for glazing the barrels on the inside, thus making them air tight. Double doors at the north end open on the platform from which cars are quickly loaded ready for shipment. The arrangements are so perfect throughout that when an order comes in for a carload of oil, the barrels already filled can be loaded and the car loaded up for shipment within 30 minutes.

East of the main building are three isolated oil tanks, each 20 feet in diameter and 16 feet high. They furnish storage for coal oil and gasoline. One holds 1000 barrels and the other two 500 barrels each. A brick wall four feet high divides each tank. The oil in these huge tanks is drawn into the warehouse by means of the steam pumps and pumped direct into the barrels. Supplies of oils from the east is received in the long tanks seen on railway cars and the same is stored in the tanks. Near the tanks is seen a great heap of empty oil barrels. They number about 4,000 and are in constant use for shipping purposes.

The new office is a model of convenience and is located in front of the warehouse. The main office where the principal clerical work is done is 16x22 feet. It is furnished with handsome desks and heated by steam. The cashier is **Justus Lukens**; bookkeeper, **J. B. Harvill**; shipping clerk, **Will McClelland**. At the left of the entrance is the office of Manager **H. O. Croshaw**, with its carpeted floor, decorated ceiling, fireplace and steam heating apparatus, closets and other conveniences.

In the Decatur branch of the company is invested \$10,000, and Manager Croshaw supplies all points in Central Illinois. He sends out about 30,000 barrels of oil annually, and does a business aggregating \$200,000 a year. The Consolidated Company, whose headquarters are at Cincinnati, Ohio, regards Decatur as one of the chief distributing points in the west, because of the excellent railway facilities. A sub-station to the Decatur branch has been established at Mattoon, Ill., with **L. L. Croshaw** as manager, and a similar sub-station will soon be placed in running order at Springfield. The books for both sub-stations will be kept in the Decatur office, and all reports will be submitted to Manager Croshaw.

The oil interest is one of great value and importance in the business world, and it is gratifying to note the fact that this company has put up creditable works in Decatur.

The Wabash Road.

Judge Graham on the bench in the United States District Court at Chicago, yesterday gave **Receivers** Tatt and Humphreys, of the Wabash, a sharp turning over, and ordered their discharge from further service for the Eastern Division of the Wabash system. He directed that a separate receiver be selected for the Chicago Division, and that application for such other receivers as may be desired be applied for at Springfield. It was represented at Chicago that the present receivers have been operating the system at a loss. The name of the receiver for the Chicago Division will probably be known to-morrow.

The largest assortment of **Boyd Kase** Pans, ranging in price from \$1 to \$150, at **B. Bue's**. d&w

200 Ladies' assorted Short Wraps, elegantly trimmed, and embracing some of the handsomest styles in any market, at less than manufacturers' cost.

Big 18 **CHAP STONE.**

7-d&w

V. H. PARKS, New York Dairy Feed.

The Chicago Grain Market.

The following were the closing quotations in Chicago at 1 p. m. to-day, received by **G. O. Caldwell**, Commission Merchant, this city:

Wheat—78½ Dec; 77½ Jan; 78 Feb; 84½ May.

Corn—37½ Dec; 37 Jan; 38½ Feb; 42½ May.

Oats—26½ Dec; 26¼ Jan; 27 Feb; 31 May.

